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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

a patent application     a Continuation     a Divisional     a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)     a Non-Provisional application of prior of United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "METHOD OF N<sub>2</sub>O GROWTH OF AN OXIDE LAYER ON A SILICON CARBIDE LAYER," filed October 1, 2001 (Attorney Dkt. No. 5308-157IP) which claims priority from United States Provisional Application No. 60/294,307 filed May 30, 2001 and claims priority from, and is a continuation-in-part of, United States Patent Application 09/834,283 filed April 12, 2001 which claims priority from United States Provisional Application 60/237,822, entitled and United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/237,426 which were filed October 3, 2000.

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**Entitled: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OXIDE LAYER ON A SILICON CARBIDE LAYER UTILIZING AN ANNEAL IN A HYDROGEN ENVIRONMENT**

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Enclosed are:

- Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
- 16 pages of Specification (including 20 claims)
- 6 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
- Oath or Declaration
  - a.  newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b.  copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
  - c.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
- Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7.  Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)  
 8.  Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)  
 9.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
 10.  Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references cited  
 11.  Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)  
 12.  English Translation Document  
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